

he took the initiative to join the Enfield chapter of Police Explorers before even graduating from Enrico Fermi High School in 1972. He was regularly and rightfully rewarded for his devoted service after graduating—first becoming an auxiliary officer, then an assistant dog warden, and police dispatcher. Each and every one of these positions ultimately prepared him to join the force as a full patrol officer in 1979.

Thomas Pycrz's career at his town's police department would continue on for another 40 years. During those 40 years, he went on to serve as a leader of the police department's accreditation team for 20 years, working with his colleagues to hone their skills and build upon the mission of strengthening the standards exemplified by the Enfield Police Department and its officers. This work not only infused new techniques and technology to improve public safety, but also infused the community values that reflect the town of Enfield. The high quality of his work was recognized across the state when he was named Vice President of the Connecticut Police Accreditation Coalition in 2013, advancing standards in policing across the state. After a long career spanning 50 years, he retired from the department in August of last year.

Officer Pycrz service to his community did not end with retirement. After "pulling the pin" from uniformed service, he quickly returned to his work as a civilian accreditation manager in October 2019. His sudden loss leaves a deeply felt void at the Enfield Police Department.

Madam Speaker, Thomas Pycrz represents what it should mean to be a police officer: an integral member of one's community. At a funeral service at Enfield's St. Adalbert's Church family, friends and former colleagues such as former Chief Carl Sferrazza and current Chief Alaric Fox spoke movingly of his life of caring and giving. His life should be an example to all. Madam Speaker, please join me in expressing the deepest condolences of the U.S. House of Representatives to Officer Thomas Pycrz's wife Lynn, his children Steven and Julie and our hope that the outpouring of affection and appreciation from the community gives them some solace.

TRIBUTE TO MR. LEE RAYBURN  
PIONEER WESTSIDE OF CHICAGO  
BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY  
LEADER

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2020*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, the Almighty God has called to his eternal rest Mr. Lee Rayburn, a skilled mechanic and business leader who became a legend on the westside of Chicago in the automobile repair business. I met Mr. Rayburn in the late 1960's when one of my staffer Ms. Arlene Granderson introduced me to Mr. Nate Irwin who was her mechanic and was working at Rayburns Automobile Repair Shop at Roosevelt and Independence. Mr. Irwin became my mechanic and my friend as did his boss, Mr. Rayburn. For more than fifty years Mr. Rayburn and his mechanics repaired my cars, fixed my flats, and preformed tow services, whenever I needed them. I soon learned that

Mr. Rayburn was not only good at repairing cars, but was also interested in community politics, social service activities and was a great financial supporter of community causes.

He, Garfield Major, Willie Barney, The Knox Family at the hardware store, Cliff Duwel White, Walker Harris the iceman, Dave at the hot dog stand and Rev. Murphy at Rose of Sharon Cleaners became the heart of business support group in the area. Mr. Rayburn loved his business and loved the Lawndale Community. After he was no longer actively working, he would come up to the shop and sit around talking with customers and giving people advice. He was a great mechanic, a great businessman, a great family man, a great community leader, and he will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO VIVIAN SPADY

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2020*

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize one of the finest community leaders in New York's Sixteenth Congressional District, Vivian Spady.

Vivian Spady has lived in New Rochelle her entire life; her family's roots in the area run deep. As a mother, grandmother, and community activist, Vivian has been providing opportunities to meet the needs of those around her for decades. In 2012, her long-standing vision took shape when she launched her non-profit organization—Big Viv's Foundation. It started with a successful Christmas toy drive. Ever since, she has worked hard to provide necessities and a sense of community to those who are most in need. In addition to Christmas toy drives, her annual events include Thanksgiving turkey drives, Easter egg hunts, winter clothing drives for the homeless and a Mother's Day brunch for seniors. Vivian's events have been show-cased in local media, most recently in Lohud, the Westchester/Rockland news.

Bringing children opportunities to learn and grow is one of Vivian's biggest joys. With her resourcefulness and drive, dozens of youth have attended shows and events including the Monster Jam Auto Show, Liberty and Knicks basketball games, and trips to the New York State capital. Focusing on young women, Vivian has developed a girl's night out program to foster a sense of security and fun while focusing on health and hygiene. Vivian has embodied the principle of teaching youth by sending children to Iona Prep summer camp and the habitat for humanity builder's camp. The horrific coronavirus pandemic has not stopped Vivian, she held numerous outdoor events during the summer and fall for New Rochelle children, distributed over 100 turkeys for Thanksgiving and is continuing with her annual toy drive. No matter what happens, Vivian is unstoppable, she has persevered through recovery from pancreatic cancer to this year, hospitalization for coronavirus.

Madam Speaker, Vivian Spady embodies the best of what we, as Americans, can be. I am proud to know her and to have served her in Congress. Her work continues and the results of her unwavering commitment will benefit generations of New Rochelle residents.

TRIBUTE TO JASON SCOTT

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2020*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to my good friend Jason Scott, who will be stepping down from the Corona City Council this month after serving the city for twelve years. Jason is the embodiment of a public servant, who has made an invaluable lifetime contribution to my hometown of Corona, California.

Throughout his life, Jason has dedicated himself to educating the next generation of Riverside County citizens. In a career that spanned four decades, from 1979 to 2019, Jason worked as a teacher and principal for the Corona-Norco Unified School District. In 2008, Jason was elected to the Corona City Council, where he would be selected on three occasions by his peers to serve as mayor. During his time on the City Council, Jason was chosen to represent the city on the Western Riverside Council of Governments Board of Directors. Corona experienced significant growth during Jason's tenure, and his leadership and experience helped the city tackle a number of challenges and seize opportunities presented by that expansion.

Jason has worked tirelessly through his deeds to causes other than his own. He has long been an active member of many community organizations in the city of Corona and has served as a Board Member for the Friends of the Corona Public Library, United Way, UNITY, and Corona Fire Safety Foundation. He is a member of the Corona Elks, Corona History Association, Corona-Norco PTA, and the Corona Historic Preservation Society. Jason shared his life for 30 years with his wife Dee until her passing in February 2017 of pancreatic cancer following a two-year battle. During and after that incredibly difficult period, I was truly inspired by Jason's strength and will to keep working and advocating for others.

I know I speak on behalf of all residents in expressing my heartfelt thanks and praise for Jason's significant contributions to the City of Corona. I look forward to seeing Jason around town, and I wish him the very best in the future.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN  
REALE, SR.

**HON. JOHN KATKO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 16, 2020*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John "Jack" Reale, Sr., who passed away at the age of 91 on November 24, 2020. Mr. Reale was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and a respected and accomplished engineer in our community.

A lifelong Central New Yorker, Mr. Reale was born during the Great Depression into a family of Italian immigrants on the North Side of Syracuse. He attended North High School and went on to study electrical engineering at Syracuse University. He graduated with Bachelor's and Master's degrees, and completed several Ph.D. courses.